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Evaluation of the REG program as applied to the needs of the Transportation Branch.

1. In the great majority of cases, individuals interrogated under the auspices of the REG program, do not have intelligence capability directly related to the field of transportation because they specialized in other fields. Moreover, during their stay in the USSR, these individuals had little knowledge of the shipping or the receiving of freight and generally had little opportunity to observe transportation activities. For these individuals the S/TR general requirements for the REG program are sufficient to reveal to the interrogator and the transportation analyst whether they have further capability along any specific lines.

2. In order to meet increasing S/TR needs in Transportation rates and fare structures the following is proposed and will augment the standing REG requirements. The questions should be included under each mode of transport:

- a. What fare was paid for specific trips?
(Give points between which trips were taken, mode of travel, basic fare, and charges in addition to basic fare)
- b. What freight rates were paid for specific freight movements known to source?
(Give the following information: type of tonnage of commodity carried, origin and destination, mode of transport, basic freight rates, and charges in addition to the basic freight rates)

3. For those REG reports received, where they have applied to transportation intelligence, the overall quality of such reports has been satisfactory. The questions asked appear to elicit as much transportation information from the sources as they have available. These sources have given some specific information on amounts and types of railroad traffic passing through specific cities which will be of aid in future research on traffic along individual lines.

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b. Of particular value has been information on guided missile cars given in EG-1275 (from USAFE, ATID, IR-226-55, 23 May 55). From the information given in the series, it is apparent that the line of questioning being followed is satisfactory to our needs. Answers given appear to get from the individual all the worthwhile transportation information he has.

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